

pointed out that I had not been consistent in terms of supporting another view of the matter at an earlier point in time and consistency is important to me. And, for that reason, Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the motion if that is possible to do at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is withdrawn. Proceed with the next item.

CLERK: Senator, then with respect to your divided amendment, you now have FA445 which would consist of Sections 6 through 9 of AM3687.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have passed out to you again an explanation of this original amendment because the format of this explanation is a kind of review of the various kinds of things that I think the fertilizer tax could beneficially be spent on. And we started out with the Drinking Water Source Quality Act and it's a shame we weren't able to discuss that because that is a problem that is of great concern, I know, to a large number of you who live in rural areas who are fielding a large number of complaints about the additional cost being incurred by small water systems on these additional hundred or so contaminants that the federal government, under the 1990 amendments to the Clean Water Act, is now requiring to be tested. For your information on that issue, I might mention to you that there is a movement in Congress and there are now amend...further amendments to the Clean Water Act before Congress that would have the effect of ameliorating these harsh requirements of a couple of years ago. And with respect to that, I filed this morning a legislative resolution which will, hopefully, put this Legislature on record in support of those congressional amendments and, hopefully, by that means there will be at least some alleviation of the problem. As I understand the amendments, and I understand them just vaguely at this point, a copy of the exact amendments are being faxed to me, they won't go as far as most of us would like to go in terms of what we would believe to be reasonable, I think, for our communities in terms of testing, but they will go part of the way and by that means, hopefully, we can gain some relief.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Excuse me, just a second. What...for what purpose do you rise, Senator Moore?